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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to very good, best where features were planned for the upcoming week. In the Southeast region, Hurricane Ivan continued to disrupt plant operations and delay deliveries. Supplies were adequate to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate and demand was noted as light to fairly good. Breaking schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Spent fowl were generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were regular to reduced for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI 2 cents higher for large and up 3 cents for medium. Other reported prices unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand fairly good to good, with more features noted than earlier in the week. Food service movement usually moderate. Supplies tight for all sizes and sellers holding with renewed confidence.

EXTRA LARGE	45-54	49-51
LARGE	45-53	47-50
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	34-41	36
MEDIUM	17-21	19
SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries trending sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings balanced to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules noted as normal to less than normal. Spent hens generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules reported as regular to reduced for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-66	55-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand fairly good to good, best into areas with feature activity. Food service movement moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies tight for all sizes and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings tight to adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Some breakers showed concern in securing outside product as sellers continue to hold for higher prices. Supplies in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
MEDIUM	30.5-39	32-35

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries trending higher on all sizes. The market tone fully steady to firm. Demand moderate to very good. Most plants operating, however delays in deliveries still being reported in numerous locations following the storm. Supplies sufficient to balanced for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies balanced to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules normal to reduced. Light type hens generally adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-57	51-54
LARGE	48-55	49-52
MEDIUM	29.5-37	30-34

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where feature activities were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	46-50

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies in close balance on larger sizes, balance of sizes generally adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-59	53-55
LARGE	50-58	51-54
MEDIUM	34-41	35-37

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, 7-8 cents higher on extra large, 7 cents higher on large, and 7-8 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings remained held confidently.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, 8 cents higher on extra large, 7 cents higher on large, and 8 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 48. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 89-149; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 99, large 20 pack 2 for \$3.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	68

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	76-89
EXTRA LARGE	74-81
LARGE	72-75
MEDIUM	55-58

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	99-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were limited and were rated as tight to adequate with demand light to fairly good. Some breakers were showing concern in filling breaking schedules for the next few weeks as producers hold for higher prices. Supplies in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-26	20-22
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged on nest run breaking stock, but slightly higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment improved and was fully steady. Demand was light to moderate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules due in part to weather related conditions. Several breakers were unaggressive and using current inventories or production from contract suppliers. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate for most immediate needs. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 11-Sep-04 were 12% less than the previous week, and 14% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-35	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-24	19-23
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 11-SEP-2004**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,173,586	28,309	11,133	5,889	2,534	4,055
PW	1,312,258	31,477	12,255	6,397	2,797	4,411
LY	1,307,983	30,523	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,547
% CHG PW	-11	-10	-9	-8	-9	-8
% CHG LY	-10	-7	-11	-7	1	-11
2004	44,259,457	1,051,263	424,529	230,028	99,607	151,555
2003	41,755,852	1,016,152	381,449	208,102	84,631	150,589
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	18	1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.08	41.56	41.18
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.63	38.20	37.70

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43.5 to 45 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady for whole egg and yolk and mostly steady for whites. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for whole egg and whites and usually adequate for yolk although liquid yolk pipelines were quickly tightening for deliveries for the following few weeks. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and good on the balance of products and centered around previous agreements. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	6	32-33	32.50	.50
WHITES	13	29-34	31.15	-2.02
YOLKS	10	45.5-49	47.20	.30

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whites, and unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on yolk items, generally steady on whole, and unsettled on whites. Supplies were balanced to available with demand slightly improved but still light to fair. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 11-Sep-2004 were 5% less than the previous week, and 9% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	41-46	42-44	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-75
WHITES	44-49	46-48	49-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	55-58	62-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	53-56	59-64

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 2 cents lower, while the remainder of prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady on whole egg, whites, and salted yolk with sugared yolk reported as steady to mostly fully steady. Offerings were closely balanced to adequate with demand improving for all products and rated as fairly good to good with sugared yolk showing the most improvement in demand. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-44	
WHITES	46-48	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	56-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whole and yolks, 5 cents lower on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 9/11 was 11 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Majority prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to lower on whole, but lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was reported as quiet to moderate with improvement noted at several locations. Supplies were sufficient on yolks, adequate on whole, and available on albumen. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, usually steady on whole, and unsettled to barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 11-Sep.-2004 were 9% less than previous week, but 1% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.59-1.90	MOSTLY 1.63-1.80
YOLKS	1.32-1.60	MOSTLY 1.38-1.46
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.30-4.20	MOSTLY 3.35-3.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.50-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT. 10, 2004-SEPT. 16, 2004

**CURRENT LOADS** 78.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 72.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 150.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	36.33	40.00	37.17	39.68	—	35.75	28.00		GNR W 1	—	41.67	—	—	45.00	10.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	34.00	39.00	7.00		GNR W 2	—	41.00	—	—	43.00	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.00		GL W J	50.00	52.50	—	71.00	—	1.75
GL W J	—	—	62.00	64.00	—	54.00	4.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	58.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	46.00	51.17	52.11	50.23	52.12	39.75		GL W LG	52.00	49.00	—	55.57	—	22.00
GL W LG	—	48.58	43.07	43.40	44.00	49.00	27.50		GL W MD	33.00	38.00	—	—	33.25	12.75
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	27.50	30.33	30.25	11.75								
GL W SM	—	—	25.25	27.50	—	—	2.00								
GL BR LG	50.00	53.50	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	31.00	34.67	33.67	20.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.50	34.00	—	—	1.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	26.00	—	24.25	12.25								
NRBS - 39	—	18.50	—	—	15.50	—	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	16.00	—	—	14.00	18.00	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was moderate with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 5-11 8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand mostly good as processors work full schedules following the holiday week. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 5-9 5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

### SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.00	55.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	52.50	50.50	32.00
MIDWEST	50.00	48.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	52.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.54	51.66	32.43

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-32	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 11-Sep-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,231	1,346	2,577
Last Week	1,464	1,571	3,035
Same week yr ago	1,121	1,597	2,718
To-date/2004	48,922	48,040	96,962
To-date/2003	54,095	50,502	104,597

### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	153	0	153
Last Week	167	0	167
Same week yr ago	61	7	68
To-date/2004	8,457	91	8,548
To-date/2003	8,520	125	8,645

### TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,384	1,346	2,730
Last Week	1,631	1,571	3,202
Same week yr ago	1,182	1,604	2,786
To-date/2004	57,379	48,131	105,510
To-date/2003	62,615	50,627	113,242

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 04, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	552	257	10,848	11,133
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	23	439	385
Total	552	280	11,298	11,614

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 04, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	247	105	5,441	3,843
Frozen	1	76	1,136	2,153
Dried	0	40	1,764	903
Total	248	221	8,341	6,899

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 04, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	0	349	290
Extra Large	4,990	360	70,340	18,287
Large	8,630	2,350	156,568	74,786
Medium	6,348	240	74,460	41,097
Ungraded	12,006	7,140	207,912	94,856
Misc	0	780	15,504	12,642
Total	31,974	10,870	525,133	241,958

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week (s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 11-Sep-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	30.6	28.0	9	21
Boston	3.4	3.3	3	-11
Chicago	67.8	63.0	8	-5
Detroit	29.3	27.2	8	10
Kansas City	6.4	4.3	49	14
Los Angeles	97.8	93.0	5	1
New Orleans	9.5	8.4	13	30
New York	31.5	27.7	14	5
St. Louis	17.9	15.1	19	7
San Francisco	19.7	19.8	-1	-11
Total	313.9	289.8	8	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	294.6			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 11-Sep-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	236.8	3	10
East North Central	547.1	-9	-2
West North Central	279.4	-7	-4
South Atlantic	215.1	0	1
South Central	65.8	-8	-12
West	180.8	-7	-4
Total	1525.0	-5	-1

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 85

Last year 85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) Processed other

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	09/12/04	3,978	194,494	56,937
AM	09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG		656	10438	379
PCT CHG		20%	6%	1%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Sep 14, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	104	101	60	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	97-101	94-98	54-58	39-43
MOSTLY	99-100	96-97	56-57	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	103-107	100-104	59-63	45-49
MOSTLY	103	100	59	45
VERMONT	105-107	101-104	63-65	-
MOSTLY	107	104	63	-

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